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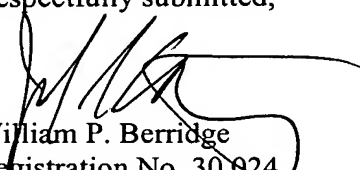
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 8-9 are discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references 1-7 and 10-11 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-2 and 4-9 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 9.
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